

Telecast of Malayalam Programmes on Trivandrum Doordarshan

845. SHRI A.C. JOS : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Malayalam programmes telecasted from Doordarshan Trivandrum on DD-4 are not available at Kochi, the industrial capital of Kerala;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI) : (a) No Sir, these are available. However, since the telecast is via satellite, there is need for an appropriate dish antenna system to receive them.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Lok Adalats in Orissa

846. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the Lok Adalats organised in Orissa during the last three years;

(b) the number of cases settled in these adalats;

(c) whether the Lok Adalats are getting popular day by day in every State;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to organise some more adalats in every State; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. M. THAMBI DURAI) : (a) On the basis of the information provided by the Orissa State Legal Services Authority, 201 Lok Adalats were held in 1995, 266 Lok Adalats in 1996 and 236 Lok Adalats in 1997 respectively in the State of Orissa.

(b) 4,72,316 cases were settled in these Lok Adalats.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The Law Minister's Conference held at New Delhi on 30th June and 1st July, 1997 had decided to organise intensive Lok Adalats from 15.8.1997 to 15.8.1998. The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) at its first meeting held on 13.9.1997 has decided to have continuous and permanent Lok Adalats. Dr. Justice A.S. Anand, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Executive Chairman, NALSA, has requested the Hon'ble Executive Chairman of the State Legal Services Authorities suggesting establishment of permanent Lok Adalats instead of allowing the Lok Adalats to remain intermittent and occasional in character dealing mainly

with motor accident claim cases with a view to institutionalising the concept of Lok Adalats as also to bring more categories of cases for resolution through Lok Adalats. NALSA is providing funds to almost all the State Legal Services Authorities for organising more and more Lok Adalats and Legal Aid in their State. Hon'ble Executive Chairman, NALSA, is repeatedly pressing the Chief Justices of the State High Courts to settle maximum number of cases through Lok Adalats. Lok Adalats are now another statutory form for settlement of cases and the decrees passed in Lok Adalats have the force of law and finality. Therefore, the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, Dr. Justice A.S. Anand has been propagating resolution of disputes through Lok Adalats.

[Translation]

Air Station in Devas Distt. M.P.-

847. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether not even a single All India Radio relay station has been set up in Southern part of Devas district in Madhya Pradesh comprising Kannad and Khategaon Tehsils;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to set up radio stations in the said area in view of their being neglected so far;

(d) whether the Government propose to conduct any survey for the purpose; and

(e) if so the time by which a radio station is likely to be set up there?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Devas district including its southern parts is fully covered by 100 KW MW transmitter at Indore. Parts of the district are also covered by 200 KW MW transmitter at Jabalpur.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

[English]

Conversion of LPT into HPT at Porbandar, Gujarat

848. SHRI GORDHANBHAI JADAVBHAI JAVIYA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received proposal from Government of Gujarat to convert the

Low Power Transmitter (LPT) into a High Power Transmitter (HPT) at Porbandar and to change the locations of some of the HPTs in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) to (c) No request for upgradation of Low Power TV Transmitter (LPT), Porbandar into High Power TV Transmitter (HPT) was received from Government of Gujarat. A proposal for rectification of technical fault of High Power TV Transmitter (HPT) at Dwarka by shifting its location was received from Government of Gujarat.

Setting up of HPT, Dwarka at a new site is envisaged to be taken up during the Ninth Plan subject to availability of infrastructural facilities and resources.

Closing down of Kendriya Vidyalaya

849. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have decided to close Kendriya Vidyalaya at Kasaragod in Kerala;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of representations received against the closure move; and

(d) the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Five representations, including one each from a Member of Parliament and a former Minister of State have been received against the closure move.

[Translation]

Losses of SEBs

850. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether most of the electricity boards are running at a loss and crores of rupees are outstanding against the public sector undertakings such as NTPC, Coal India Ltd., Railways, etc.

(b) if so, the details of the losses suffered by the State Electricity Boards during the last three years and outstanding dues against the public sector undertakings; and

(c) the main reasons for suffering such huge losses by SEBs?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The surplus/deficit of the SEBs during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 are enclosed Statement-I. A Statement indicating the outstanding dues of the Central Power Undertakings against SEBs etc., as on 31.1.1998 is enclosed Statement-II.

(c) The main reasons of the losses of the SEBs, *inter alia*, include, the widening gap between the average cost of supply and realisation, delay as well as inadequate revision of tariff; non realisation of the dues by SEBs for sale of power; low levels of capacity utilisation of existing plants and high transmission and distribution losses.

Statement-I

Statement showing the surplus/deficit of the SEBs during the years 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97

(Rs. in crores)

S.No.	Name of the SEB	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
1	2	3	4	5
1.	A.P.	-857.04	-1128.58	-721.27 (A)
2.	Bihar	-300.11	-27.52	-27.52 (P)
3.	Gujarat	-550.28	-1003.39	-953.43 (U)
4.	Haryana	-98.92	-536.59	-593.98 (A)
5.	H.P.	17.67	35.53	24.81 (A)
6.	Karnataka	-164.18	-499.41	-646.48 (U)
7.	Kerala	13.32	-30.48	-223.12 (U)
8.	M.P.	-382.40	-458.46	-210.91 (U)
9.	Maharashtra	320.75	-280.24	87.69 (A)
10.	Orissa	-136.08	-230.68	-230.68 (P)
11.	Punjab	-427.48	-325.64	-295.91 (U)
12.	Rajasthan	-412.75	-343.87	-343.87 (P)
13.	Tamil Nadu	-2.31	-76.74	-257.28 (U)
14.	Uttar Pradesh	-978.25	-1495.00	-1194.25 (A)
15.	W.B.	-78.66	-64.49	-227.27 (U)
16.	Assam	-296.90	-261.46	-411.05 (U)
17.	Meghalaya	-27.18	-21.66	-42.02 (U)
Total		-4360.80	-6748.68	-6266.54

A - Audited

U - Unaudited

P - Provisional